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Attachment to Advisory Action

This office action is in response to after-final amendment filed on October 14, 2008. Applicant previously amended Claims 1, 5-12, 14, 17-21, 34, and 40-42. Applicant currently amended Claims 1,3,6,7,9,12,21,23,26,27,29,and 41. The amendments filed have not been entered and not made of record. Therefore, presently Claims 1-42 are pending for consideration.

Applicant's request for consideration has been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following reasons:

1. Applicant amended independent and dependent claims. These amendments require further consideration because either scope of the claims has been changed when interpreting existing claim limitation in conjunction with amended limitation, or amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, some examples are:

Claim 1, 8 limitation b line 2) *“the device a plurality of equivalent display names ...,”*.

Claim 1, 8 limitation c line 2) *“receiving user input... specifying an alternative display..., the selected display name... by the user from... displayed on the device... ”*.

2. Regarding Claims 1-42 applicants argued that the cited prior art [Nyman et al. (2003/0037033)] “there is no indication in Nyman and applicants respectfully submit that there

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is no reasonable interpretation of the claim or reference under which Nyman meets the limitation of warning a user based on the security policy when that user attempts to communicate with a contact having a predetermined authentication level"".

This is not found persuasive. The cited prior art clearly teach and describe a user-defined name distribution method in ad-hoc network, which involves storing user device address corresponding to current user-defined name, when there is no conflict between current and already existing user-defined names. In this system when in the name distribution message corresponding to current user device address is received, then the user device address corresponding to current user-defined name is stored in a record if there is no name conflict, when comparing current user-defined name with already-existing name. The user's wireless device is accessed using the user-defined name. Thus this system provide mechanism for distributing user-defined names of user's wireless devices in ad-hoc networks e.g. piconet for collaboration of projects, games, connecting to laptop computer and other electronic devices in short range wireless system, and enables the member of the network to select the user's displayed name and address appended to the message sent by the user by reliably resolves the naming conflicts between members with the same selected device name.

As a result, cited prior art does implement and teach a system and method that manages authentication relationships and automatically display these relationships in peer-to-peer collaboration network.

Therefore, the examiner asserts that cited prior art does teach or suggest the subject matter broadly recited in independent and dependent claims. Accordingly, rejections for Claims 1-42 are respectfully maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SYED ZIA whose telephone number is (571)272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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